

# Delaney injury —bad bruising

THE news of John Delaney is much better than at first feared when the Wycombe Wanderers skipper was sent crashing against Cheshunt on Saturday. Rumours of a broken leg were quashed however yesterday (Monday). The leg is badly bruised and there was some damage to the nerve.

John visited the Farnham Park Rehabilitation Centre yesterday and is expected to be out of football for at least a fortnight. Apparently he has been getting plenty of telephone calls from well-wishers at his Slough home.

He will, of course, be out of the running for tonight's (Tuesday) Premier Midweek Floodlight league encounter with Banbury United at Loakes Park.

Gerry Olson seems set to take over the number five shirt with Rob Williams partnering him at centre back. The game could mark the return of young full back Paul Birdseye, who left the club for Maidenhead United six weeks ago, but re-signed for Wycombe recently.

But it is up front where Wanderers are still searching for success. Manager Brian Lee will probably give the Horseman, Amos, Holifield formation another chance if all are fit.

One player missing will be Larry Pritchard, Wycombe's midfield dynamo, who is representing the Berks and Bucks FA in their defence of the Southern Counties Championship against Middlesex at Enfield. John Delaney was also in the side but has been forced to drop out.

Banbury United, like Wycombe, are still looking for their first success in the Premier Midweek. They have already lost to Marlow 2-1 and drawn with Wokingham and Chesham. However in the latter two games they used their youth team.

They are expected to bring a near full strength side down with them tonight but skipper Les Butler is ruled out with a foot injury. After a great start to the season in the Southern League, United have slipped from top place to the lower regions of the table.

In cup competitions they reached the first round proper of the F.A. Cup before going out to Barnet on a replay and it took Wimbledon a replay to beat them in extra time of the F.A. Challenge Cup.

Veteran Tony Foster leads the scoring charts with 17 goals this season with Jaques close behind on 13. Wanderers will be anxious to get back onto winning form. Their only other Premier Midweek game was at

Wokingham, where they lost 2-1.